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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

February 23, 1993

Federal Communications Commission
1919 M. Street, Suite 222
Washington, DC 20554

Attn: Comments on Docket 92-235

Gentlepersons:

In behalf of all emergency services (Police-Fire-Medical) in Douglas County, Oregon, and rural communities throughout the nation, we respectfully request the FCC to reconsider the intent of Docket 92-235.

We are not ignoring the needs of the large metropolitan areas, but we suspect that in the FCC's diligence in attempting to solve those problems it is overlooking the devastating effect the proposed action will have on areas such as rural and suburban Oregon and other states nationwide.

Our county currently has three (3) radio transmitter sites transmitting between 50 and 100 watts of power. Even this is sometimes not enough due to the mountainous terrain. One can readily see that reducing the out-put power to 5 watts would virtually put our emergency services out of business given our present equipment. (Our fire district has recently spent big bucks to own the best communication equipment available to keep pace with the latest technology and be compatible with the rest of the county.)

We hereby request the FCC to take the necessary steps to become familiar with the actual communication problems (and solutions) of EVERY DIVERSE AREA--metro, rural, suburban, flat land expanses and mountainous terrain.

Please do what needs to be done for the large cities, BUT please leave the way open for areas such as ours to INCREASE rather than diminish our communication capacities.

Sincerely yours,

Phyllis M. Layman

Phyllis M. Layman, Chairman
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